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Subject: The Art of Distinction (continued).

Subject has no knowledge of this matter. Count GIANO is reported to have told Hitler at the outset of the war that Italy would not be prepared to take part for two or three years. Italy was expected to enter the war at the outset. Italy's entry into the war came as a surprise and perhaps was not looked upon favorably by the German High Command. Italy seems to have acted independently.

(b) Was pressure applied to bring Italy into the war in 1940?

Subject is of the opinion that pressure was not applied.

5. (a) Describe the plans made for post-war operations in foreign countries looking toward the reestablishment of Germany's economic and military potential.

Subject is of the opinion that the plans were not worked out. The German High Command was not prepared to discuss the subject with the Allies.

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